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the subject rejection. Applicant urges that all pending claims of the subject U.S. patent application are now in allowable condition.

Request for Telephone Interview

Applicant's undersigned attorney provisionally requests a telephone interview with the Examiner to discuss the merits of this Patent Application. The undersigned requests this interview if this Patent Application is not now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner feels the claims are not allowable for any reason, then please telephone the undersigned, Kevin D. Erickson, at (847) 490-1400.

Conclusion

It is believed that the above Amendment places all pending claims in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is solicited. However, should the Examiner detect any remaining issue or have any question, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone, in an effort to expedite examination of this Patent Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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